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TAGS: ETRN, IT

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT - APRIL 16, 1976

REF: 10 FAM 521.7

STATE PLEASE PASS TO NTSB

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED AS REQUESTED BY 10 FAM.

A) DC-9-30 DOUGLAS-AMERICAN-N/A

B) ATI SPA, AEROTRASPORTI ITALIANA, NAPOLI

C) FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1976

D) MILAN-PALERMO

E) PALERMO PUNTA RAISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

F) 103 PASSENGERS, FIVE CREW# FOUR PASSENGERS RECEIVED INJURIES
REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION BUT NONE IN SERIOUS CONDITION# NONE
KILLED.

G) AIRCRAFT LANDED ON FORWARD UNDER-CARRIAGE, REPORTEDLY
BECAUSE OF DAMAGED BRAKING SYSTEM, AND WENT OFF AIR STRIP
TOWARD SEA. AIRCRAFT STOPPED ON BRINK OF PROCIPICE. UNDER-
CARRIAGE SYSTEM AND ONE WING BADLY DAMAGED. ACCORDING TO
NEWSPAPER REPORT TWO AMERICAN TECHNICIANS FROM DOUGLAS
COMPANY ARRIVED ON INVITATION OF ATI TO ASSESS DAMAGES. COST
OF REPAIRS IS ESTIMATED ABOUT LIRE 3.5 BILLION. REPAIRS SHOULD
BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AND HOPEFULLY AIRCRAFT WILL BE
ABLE TO FLY AGAIN IN AUGUST.

H) TWO INVESTIGATIONS BEING CONDUCTED. ONE BY MINISTRY OF
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TRANSPORTATION AND CIVIL AVIATION AND THE OTHER BY SICILIAN

COURT WHICH APPOINTED PROSECUTING OFFICER SOSTITUTO DOMENICO
SIGNORINO AS INVESTIGATOR. WE DO NOT KNOW IF U.S. OFFICIALS
WILL BE INVITED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCIDENT
INVESTIGATION.

I) NOT AVAILABLE

COMMENT: THE ACCIDENT REVEALED STATE OF UNPREPAREDNESS TO COPE
WITH AN EMERGENCY AT PALERMO AIRPORT. IT WAS REPORTED THAT
NO FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND/OR AMBULANCES REACHED THE PLANE
UNTIL LONG AFTER THE ACCIDENT. CHIAVARINI

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